

## Department of Conservation and Recreation

### Bureaus of Forest Fire Control and Forestry Recommended Changes to the Ch. 132 Regulations

March 14, 2006 Bureau identified areas to assess

Updated July 27, 2006 to reflect public input (Bold)

- Update regulations to reflect DCR name change, authorities, responsibilities, definitions, management guidelines, etc.
- Better address landowner forest cutting plan filing requirements when land conversion is an issue;
  - **Better address house lot size and what part of land may be within a cutting plan area.**
- Minor updates in general to better reflect latest and current information;
- Rare species Conservation Management Practices and revised processes;
  - **Conservation Commissions need to be involved**
- Appeal procedure for forest cutting plan decisions (plan approval and implementation);
- Forest cutting plan violation procedures;
  - **Chapter 61 and stewardship plan lands should not be inspected by Service Foresters**
  - **Chapter 61 and stewardship lands and lands with forest management plans should not require cutting plans**
- Incorporate State Forestry Committee regulation decisions;
- Appointment of agent qualifications;
  - **Only licensed forester should prepare cutting plans**
  - **Cutting plans can only be inspected by licensed foresters**
  - **The above necessitates a change in the law**
- Designation of trees to be harvested or left after cutting;
- Defining silvicultural principles;
  - **Consistency needed for regeneration, stocking**
- Permanent crossings for Public Land, Ch. 61, 61A and Conservation Restrictions (CRs).
  - **Need to address Riverfront Areas-cutting of big trees and views along rivers**
  - **Roads and stream crossings should be allowed if designed properly**

- **Clamp down on abuse of temporary crossing provisions that lead to permanent crossings or pioneer of access to developments**
- **Require an annual report of how many lands had improper land management practices**